

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
Application No.: 10/029,153  
Atty Docket No.: Q63142

**REMARKS**

The Office Action of December 31, 2003 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

Claims 1 to 31 are all the claims pending in the application, prior to the present amendment.

The Office Action states that the application is in condition for allowance, except for the presence of non-elected claims 25 to 30.

In response, applicants have canceled claim 30 and have amended process claim 25 so that it is directed to a process for producing the magnetic recording medium of allowed claim 1. In view of the amendment to claim 25, applicants request that the restriction requirement with respect to claims 25 to 29 be withdrawn and that these claims be rejoined and allowed. See MPEP § 821.04.

In addition, applicants have amended claims 12 and 21 to correct typographical errors.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

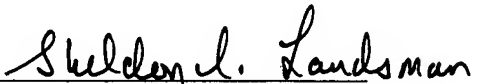
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